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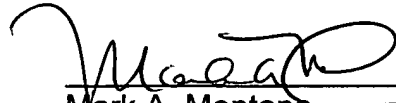
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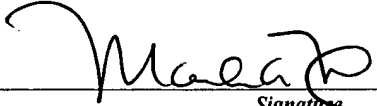
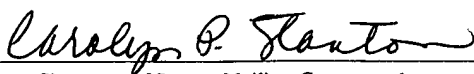
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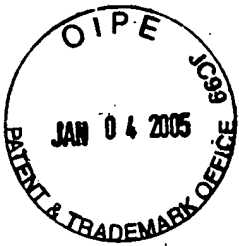
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AMENDMENT

Introductory Comments

This Amendment is respectfully submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.